

REMARKS

Claims 14-38 were previously pending in the application. Claim 39-49 are added by this second supplemental preliminary amendment.

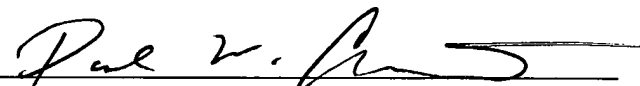
The amendments to the claims are supported by the disclosure as originally filed and no new matter is added. Support for claims 39-49 may be found, for example, in Figure 3 and its corresponding description and in Figure 2 and its corresponding description. Further support for the claims may be found in the Summary, such as on page 5, lines 1-12.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request an early indication of such allowance. If there are any issues the Examiner feels may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 360-379-6514.

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